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Medical Officer of Health

FOR THE

Borough of Barnstaple

FOR THE YEAR 1958

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BOROUGH OF BARNSTAPLE

- PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT -

The Castle,

BARNSTAPLE.

July, 1959.

To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the Borough of Barnstaple.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Administration of the Borough for the Year 1958.

Your obedient servant,

F. J. H. MARTIN,

M.R.C.S.,L.R.C.P.,D.P.H.,

Medical Officer of Health.

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The Staff of the Public Health Department consists of :-

Part-time Officer -

F. J. H. MARTIN, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.,
Medical Officer of Health.

Whole-time Officers -

W. RODGERS, M.A.P.H.I.,
Chief Public Health Inspector.

F. V. PYE, M.A.P.H.I.,
Additional Public Health Inspector.

MISS E. M. FENNELL Clerk.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA -

Area in acres	2,396
Population (Registrar-General's Mid-Year Estimate) ...	15,660
Inhabited Houses (as at 1.4.1959)	4,872
Rateable Value (as at 1.4.1959)	£273,453
Sum represented by a Penny Rate (Yr. 1958/59 Estimate)	£1,025

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT -

I am obliged to the Barnstaple Meteorological Station at The North Devon Athenaeum for the following information :-

Barometer : Highest reading 30.68 inches on 24th October,
Lowest " 28.67 " " 15th December.

Temperature: Maximum 75° on 19th July & 5th September,
Minimum 13° on 24th January,
Mean for the Year 50.3°

Rainfall : 37.11 inches.
Average for preceding 10 years 34.31 inches.
Number of days on which .01 inches or more of rain fell : 194.

VITAL STATISTICS -

Live Births	244
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 Population	15.58
Still Births	4
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Live & Still Births	16.12
Total Live and Still Births	248
Infant Deaths	6
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births - total ...	24.59
" " " " " " " - legitimate	25.75
" " " " " " " - illegit.	NIL
Neo-natal " " " " " " ... ... (under 4 weeks)	20.49

Illegitimate Live Births per cent. of Total Live Births	4.50%
Maternal Deaths (including abortion)	NIL
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births	NIL
Deaths	223
Death Rate per 1,000 Population	14.24

The table appended below shows figures for Barnstaple Borough compared with those for England & Wales, the local figures having been corrected by the Area Comparability Factors :-

	Barnstaple	England & Wales
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population	16.04	16.4
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Total Live and Still Births	16.12	21.6
Death Rate per 1,000 Population	12.24	11.7
Deaths of Infants under 1 Year, per 1,000 Live Births	21.14	22.5

LOCAL DEATHS OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE -

65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	95+	Total
17	31	32	35	26	12	-	153

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1958 -

	M	F	Total
Tuberculosis - Respiratory	1	-	1
" - Other	1	-	1
Syphilitic Disease	-	1	1
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases ...	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	1	2	3
" " - Lung, Bronchus	9	-	9
" " - Breast	-	11	11
" " - Uterus	-	2	2
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms ...	14	12	26
Laukaemia, Aleukaemia	-	1	1
Diabetes	-	-	-
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	13	17	30
Coronary Disease, Angina	14	9	23
Hypertension with Heart Disease	2	3	5
Other Heart Disease	23	38	61
Other Circulatory Disease	2	1	3
Influenza	1	-	1
Pneumonia	2	3	5
Bronchitis	3	4	7
Other Diseases of Respiratory System ...	2	1	3
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	2	2	4
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	-	-	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	1	3
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-	1
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	-	-	-
Congenital Malformations	2	-	2
Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases ...	4	8	12
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	1	2
All Other Accidents	2	3	5
Suicide	1	-	1
Homicide and Operations of War	-	-	-
TOTAL	103	120	223

POLIOMYELITIS -

One case of suspected Acute Poliomyelitis (paralytic) was notified, but proved negative.

TUBERCULOSIS -

The Mass Radiography Service visited a local School in January, the total number of students examined being 449.

Results were as follows :-

		Males	Females	Total
Number of Miniature Films taken		207	242	449
Number re-called for Large Films		6	12	18
Results -	Normal	6	9	15
	Significant	-	3	3
Analysis -	Active Tuberculosis	-	-	-
	Inactive Tuberculosis	-	2	2
	Under observation	-	-	-
	Non-Tuberculous Cases	-	1	1

A "Selected Group Survey" was also carried out in June, when the number examined was 123, i.e. 42 males and 81 females.

No active cases of Tuberculosis were found, and only 1 healed case was indicated, also 1 case of a non-tuberculous condition.

The following two tables show cases of Tuberculosis notified during the year, and the deaths from this disease. Sexes are shown separately.

NEW CASES						
Age Groups	Pulmonary		Meninges & C.N.S.		Other	
	M	F	M	F	M	F
1 - 4 yrs.	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 9 "	-	1	-	-	-	-
10 - 14 "	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 19 "	1	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 24 "	2	-	-	-	-	1
25 - 34 "	1	2	-	-	-	-
35 - 44 "	-	1	-	-	-	-
45 - 54 "	1	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 64 "	1	-	-	-	-	1
65 and over	-	1	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	6	5	Nil	Nil	Nil	2

DEATHS				
Age Groups	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F
Under 1 yr.	-	-	-	-
1 - 4 yrs.	-	-	-	-
5 - 9 "	-	-	-	-
10 - 14 "	-	-	-	-
15 - 19 "	-	-	-	-
20 - 24 "	-	-	-	-
25 - 34 "	-	-	-	-
35 - 44 "	-	-	-	-
45 - 54 "	1	-	-	-
55 - 64 "	-	-	1	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1	Nil	1	Nil

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED (EXCLUDING TUBERCULOSIS)

Age Groups	Diphtheria	Dysentery Sonne	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning	Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Pneumonia	Polio-myelitis	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough
Under 1 yr.	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	2
1 +	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	4
2 +	-	1	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	1
3 +	-	1	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	1	2
4 +	-	2	-	-	12	-	1	-	-	-	1
5 - 9 yrs.	-	6	-	-	77	-	1	-	-	-	2
10 - 14 "	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 19 "	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	1 (susp)	1	-	-
20 - 24 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-
35 - 44 "	-	3	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	-	-
45 - 64 "	-	-	1	1	-	-	4	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	Nil *	17 +	1	1 "	128	1 =	8	Nil **	10 ✱	1 ++	12

* Diphtheria : Thirteenth consecutive year.

\+ Dysentery Sonne : 6 cases in 1 household; 7 cases in another; remainder, individual cases.

" Food Poisoning : Cause inconclusive.

= Ophthalmia Neonatorum : At North Devon Infirmary, from outside area.

** Poliomyelitis : 1 suspected case Paralytic Polio. at North Devon Infirmary from outside area. Found to be neg.

✱ Puerperal Pyrexia : 6 cases at North Devon Infirmary; 4 cases at "Highfield" Maternity Home) 5 cases from outside areas

++ Scarlet Fever : isolated at home.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

TUBERCULOSIS

Hawley Hospital, situated in the Borough, has 28 beds.

MATERNITY CASES

At the North Devon Infirmary there is a ward of 14 beds, with a fully qualified staff available for cases of doubt or difficulty.

At Bicclescombe Hospital, Ilfracombe, there are 10 beds for Maternity and Ante-natal patients.

There are 4 beds at Braunton Nursing Home.

(N.B. During 1958, 4 Barnstaple births took place at Bicclescombe Hospital, Ilfracombe).

A General Practitioners' Maternity Unit of 13 beds is situated at "Highfield", Victoria Road, Barnstaple.

ISOLATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

There is an Infectious Diseases Isolation Hospital at Bideford - the Kingsley Hospital - which serves Barnstaple as well as other Local Authorities in North Devon.

SMALLPOX

The Smallpox Hospital to which any cases of Smallpox will be sent is Upton Pine Hospital, near Exeter. Special ambulance transport can be obtained by contacting the Isolation Hospital, Whipton, Exeter, Telephone : Exeter 67158.

DISINFECTION

By local arrangement, the steam disinfection apparatus at Bicclescombe Hospital, Ilfracombe, is available if required.

GENERAL -

The North Devon Infirmary, situated in Barnstaple, serves the area, and provides modern medical and surgical treatment for the residents of the district.

Two wards at the Alexandra Hospital, Barnstaple, are now set aside as an Annexe to the North Devon Infirmary, and post-operative and recovery patients are transferred there as soon as practicable.

There are 101 beds for the chronic sick at the Alexandra Hospital.

At Braunton Nursing Home there are 4 beds for sick persons.

LABORATORY -

The main Laboratory is situated at 7 Dix's Field, Exeter, and Dr. B. Moore is the Director. It is completely installed with the necessary equipment for bacteriological examinations of all kinds. Its diagnostic and consultative services are available for all Doctors.

Bacteriological examinations of drinking water and milk are also carried out.

There is also a Pathological Laboratory at 75 Boutport Street, Barnstaple, with a full-time Pathologist and Technical Staff to meet the needs of the whole North Devon area.

The Blood Bank is also situated at this Laboratory.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES -

V.D. Clinic : This is held at the North Devon Infirmary, Glossop Annexe :-

Sessions

Males	(Mondays, 5.15 p.m. (Thursdays, 5.45 p.m.	Females	(Mondays, 4.00 p.m. (Thursdays, 4.30 p.m.

Chest Clinic is held at the North Devon Infirmary, Glossop Annexe :-

Sessions

Tuesdays	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.)	
	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.)	
	)	Clinic and X-Ray Examinations
Thursdays	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.)	
	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.)	
Fridays	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.)	A.P. Refills
	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.)	

AMBULANCE SERVICES -

Under Section 27 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, the Local Health Authority (i.e. the Devon County Council) is responsible for the provision of an Ambulance Service, and the Devon Health Committee have arranged for this to be provided through the agency of the St. John Ambulance Association. The Brigade serves the Borough and the district around, and the Headquarters are in Commercial Road, Barnstaple. The staff consists of 3 paid members (full-time), 20 men volunteers, and 14 volunteer nurses.

The Hospital Car Service, also under the Devon County Council, is available upon application to the Hospital by the Doctor concerned, and the Ambulance Service is empowered to hire cars in urgent cases when the Ambulance is not necessary.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOMES -

There are 2 District Nurses and 3 District Nurse/Midwives practising in the Borough.

HOME HELPS SCHEME -

This scheme, run by Mrs. M. Hughes for the W.V.S., operates for Barnstaple and also for all the rural areas - wherever transport is available.

There are now 64 Home Helps, as compared with 60 in 1957. 455 cases were dealt with in 1958, as compared with 415 in 1957. Of these, at least 59 old people are being cared for, who, but for the services of the Home Help, would have to be cared for in hospital. There are now 20 blind people who are being looked after by Home Helps, and there were 19 maternity cases during the year 1958 which the Home Helps attended.

Any case recommended by a Doctor, Health Visitor, District Nurse, or Hospital Almoner, can have the services of a Home Help.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION and SMALLPOX VACCINATION -

It is no longer possible to give details of Immunization and Vaccination carried out during the year, as records are held by the Devon County Medical Department, and will appear in the County Council's Annual Report.

N.B. For the THIRTEENTH consecutive year no cases of Diphtheria were notified.

REPORT OF CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Public Health Department,
The Castle,
BARNSTAPLE.

August, 1959.

To : His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the Borough of Barnstaple.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I beg to submit a Report on the work of your Public Health Inspectors, for the Year 1958.

There were no changes in the personnel of the Department during the year.

Inspections under the Housing Acts, and a seven-day week of meat inspection, again accounted for most visits. Some form of specialisation in Public Health work is often dictated by local conditions, and since Barnstaple has become a focal slaughtering centre, and has more than the average percentage of unfit houses, so the activities of the Inspectors continue as described.

The main duties of the Department are referred to under the following headings :-

(1) HOUSING ACTS, and PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS -

425 premises were visited, and 495 re-visits were made as a result of action taken.

Two Public Inquiries were held during the year, the first concerning six small Clearance Areas comprising 33 houses, each of which was subsequently confirmed, one house only being up-graded; the second Inquiry was into the Corporation's proposals for a Compulsory

Purchase Order involving 110 unfit houses and other properties in the Azes Lane/Hardaway Head area, a district which had featured in adverse reports of the then Medical Officer of Health as early as 1919. This Order, also, was confirmed, with one premises being up-graded after the area had been visited by the Inspector conducting the Inquiry.

Other inspections were made throughout the year with a view to further progress in the scheme to remove the grossly unfit houses still existing.

One Statutory Notice was served under the Public Health Acts, in respect of a nuisance, abated as a result.

The total number of houses built during the year was :-

By Local Authority	...	45
By Private Enterprise	...	9

(2) REFUSE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL -

Although no new vehicle has been purchased for six years, nor the complement increased, there is a steadily-growing change in the conditions of refuse collection as the older houses in the central parts of the Borough are demolished, and new houses more widely-spaced are built on the perimeter. Also, the content of house refuse has changed in recent years; there is less weight but infinitely more bulk - paper, cartons and cans are now the main constituents.

The Refuse Tip at Seven Brethren's Bank is, therefore, being filled at a greater pace than was first estimated, but tipping space is still assured there for several years to come. Over six acres have now been covered. The year was one of exceptional wetness, and it is difficult to imagine how the work of controlled tipping could have been done without the tracked vehicle now in use.

(3) SALVAGE -

There has been no improvement in the salvage market, indeed, the ending of a "drive" for scrap metal produced the lowest income from salvage for many years.

(4) MEAT INSPECTION -

There was a decrease in the number of animals slaughtered at the Public Abattoir for the first time since control ended, chiefly owing to the departure of one firm of Slaughtering Contractors Even so, the weekly average was in excess of 1,000 animals.

The Licence of the only Private Slaughterhouse in the Borough was surrendered during the year.

55,598 food animals were slaughtered and inspected, as follows :-

Beasts	4,140
Calves	2,059
Sheep	32,657
Pigs	16,742
	55,598

Meat condemned at Public Abattoir :-

40 tons 14 cwts. 2 qrs. 1 lb.

Whole carcases condemned include the following :-

Beasts	74
Calves	51
Sheep	605
Pigs	32
	762

22 Licences were issued to Slaughtermen.

The following table is in the form prescribed by the Ministry, for Annual Reports :-

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle excl. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	3,233	907	2,059	32,657	16,742	Nil
Number inspected	3,233	907	2,059	32,657	16,742	Nil
ALL DISEASES EXCPT. TUBERCULOSIS & CYSTICERCI - Whole Carcases condemned	4	58	50	605	28	Nil
Carcase of which some part or organ condemned ..	456	396	4	897	130	Nil
% of number insp. affected with disease other than T.B. & Cysticerci	14.2%	50.0%	2.6%	4.5%	0.9%	Nil
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY - Whole Carcases condemned	4	8	1	Nil	4	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ condemned ..	60	143	2	Nil	457	Nil
% of number insp. affected with T.B.	1.9%	16.6%	0.14%	Nil	2.7%	Nil
CYSTICERCOSIS - Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned ..	34	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration ..	34	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Generalised and totally condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

There was a decrease: 16.6% against 19.3% in the percentage of Cows found to be tuberculous in any degree.

All cases of Generalised Tuberculosis were again notified to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food, whose veterinary inspectors visit the herds in question and test for other affected animals.

Examinations for Cysticercus Bovis (the embryo form of a tapeworm infesting man) continued, and 37 cases were found - an increase of 11 on the previous year. The incidence of infection was .89% against .70% in 1957.

Much valuable assistance is given by the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries Veterinary Laboratory at Starcross, in examination of specimens and confirmation of the rarer diseases.

(5) FOOD PREMISES -

(a) The Devon County Council is the Food & Drugs Authority, but the sampling provisions are exercised locally in cases of emergency or special interest.

(b) The following is a list of Food Premises* in the Borough

Bread & Cakes	16
Cafes & Restaurants	21
Cooked Meats, etc.	3
Dairies	16
Fish (wet)	6
Fish & Chips	9
Fruit & Vegetables	24
Groceries & General Provisions	66
Ice Cream	1
Meat	31
Mineral Water Fact.	2
Public Houses & Hotels	44
Sweets & Confect.	110
Wines & Spirits (Off-Licences)	4
	353

* N.B. Where, as often applies, a food shop deals in more than one of the aforesaid commodities, the premises have been classified according to the predominating type of business.

(c) 133 premises are registered under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955, viz. 48 for the Preparation of Processed Foods, and 85 for the Sale of Ice Cream.

(d) 116 inspections of Registered Food Premises were carried out during the year, and 2,384 visits were made to all types of food premises. The general standard of cleanliness and food hygiene was very good.

(e) 12 samples of Ice Cream were taken for bacteriological examination during the year: it will be noted from the following table that every one of these attained Grade I.

Producer Number	Grade I	Grade II	Grade III	Grade IV	Total
1.	4	-	-	-	4
2.	4	-	-	-	4
3.	4	-	-	-	4
	12	-	-	-	12

Food inspected and surrendered as unfit for human consumption was as follows :-

TINNED FOOD

Coffee	...	5	tin(s)	)
Curry	...	2	"	)
Fish	...	37	"	)
Fruit	...	982	"	)
Fruit Juice	...	5	"	)
Meat	...	280	"	)
Milk	...	52	"	)
Milk Puddings	...	17	"	)
Mushrooms	...	2	"	)
Preserves	...	23	"	)
Soups	...	68	"	)
Sweet Corn	...	3	"	)
Vegetables	...	170	"	)
		1,646	"	)

Total Weight : 2,780 lbs. 6½ oz.

OTHER FOODS

Beetroot (8 jars)	...	6	lbs.	0	oz.
Bicarbonate of Soda	...	448	"	0	"
Candied Peel (60 packets)	...	13	"	2	"
Cheese	...	146	"	6	"
Chicken, minced, (1 jar)	...	-	"	2	"
Fish (wet)	...	338	"	0	"
Fish Roes (1 jar)	...	-	"	3½	"
Fruit Jelly (1 jar)	...	-	"	4	"
Meat (Butchers' Shops)	...	113	"	0	"
Meat (opened tins)	...	10	"	8	"
Prawns in Aspic (1 jar)	...	-	"	2½	"
Sausages	...	74	"	0	"
		1,149	lbs.	12	oz.

(6) MILK & DAIRIES -

Under the Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1949, the Borough Public Health Department is responsible for the following administrative duties :-

(a) The sanitary conditions of the distributive trade, other than Producer-Retailers;

(b) Control by Licence of the sale of milk bearing Special Designations;

(c) Provision with regard to the infection of milk from human infectious diseases and from certain diseases of bovine origin;

(d) The prevention of the sale of milk from animals infected by tuberculosis and other specified conditions.

The number of Dairies in the Borough registered under the Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1949-1954, is 16.

The following Licences were issued to sell milk under Special Designations :-

Tuberculin Tested ...	7
Pasteurised	7
Sterilised	2

29 samples of milk were submitted to the County Public Health Laboratory for the detection of tubercle: 25 were Negative, and 4 were Inconclusive (guinea-pigs died of intercurrent disease).

In October, the Borough and district became part of a Designated Area wherein all milk sold by retail must be Heat-Treated, (i.e. Pasteurised or Sterilised), or Tuberculin-Tested. This spelled the end of the churn and dipper era, as all these designated milks are supplied in bottles or containers distinctively marked.

(7) WATER SUPPLIES -

The mains water supply for the Borough of Barnstaple is satisfactory, both as regards quantity and quality.

The Department receives weekly reports on samples submitted by The North Devon Water Board for bacteriological examination. No unsatisfactory report was made during the year.

A group of six houses, whose only water supply was a Well, known to be grossly polluted, was the subject of a confirmed Clearance Order during the year.

(8) RODENT DISINFESTATION -

Once again, reports of infestations were very few, and justified only the part-time services of one man. A treatment of the sewerage system was carried out during the year.

(9) INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND DISINFECTIONS -

(a) Investigations made concerning Infectious Diseases (cases and contacts) :-

Dysentery Sonné ...	17
Food Poisoning ...	1
Poliomyelitis ("suspect")	1
Scarlet Fever ...	1
	20

(b) Disinfections carried out :-

Impetigo (Library Books)	2
Scarlet Fever (" ")	4
Tuberculosis	1
	7

(10) FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 & 1948 -

The following tables show Inspections, etc. carried out during 1958 :-

(a) INSPECTIONS :

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1. Non-Mechanical Factories	19	8	-	-
2. Mechanical Factories	138	238	4	-
3. Other Premises (excl. Outworkers' Premises)	9	-	-	-
TOTAL	166	246	4	-

(b) CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND :

	Number of cases in which defects were found				Occupiers Prosecuted
	Found	Remedied	Ref. to H.M. Inspect.	Ref. by H.M. Inspect.	
Want of cleanliness	19	12	-	1	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	1	1	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences :					
(a) Insufficient	2	2	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or def.	5	3	-	1	-
(c) Not sep. for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences (not relating to Out-work	-	-	-	3	-
TOTAL	27	18	-	5	-

(c) OUTWORK -

Nature of Work	Section 110				Section 111	
	No. of Out-workers in August 1958	No. of cases of default in sending lists	No. of prosec-utions for failure to send lists	No. of instan-ces of work in un-whole-some premises	Notices	Prosec-utions
Wearing Apparel (Making)	84	-	-	-	-	-
Lace Curtains and Nets	2	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ...	86	-	-	-	-	-

(11) PETROLEUM, AND EXPLOSIVES ACTS -

The following Storage Licences were granted under the Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928 :-

Petroleum Spirit	59
Petroleum Spirit and Carbide of Calcium	2
Petroleum Spirit and Crude Benzol	1
Petroleum Spirit and Petroleum Mixtures	6
Petroleum Mixtures	9
Petroleum Mixtures and Carbide of Calcium	1
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The quantities stored are as follows :-

Petroleum Spirit	241,948 gallons
Petroleum Mixtures	2,072 "
Crude Benzol	3,800 "
Carbide of Calcium	816 lbs.

The amount of fees received by the Corporation in respect of the above Licences was £55. 15. 0d.

The number of premises Registered for the Storage of MIXED EXPLOSIVES was 42.

(12) THE FOLLOWING IS A DETAILED LIST OF PUBLIC HEALTH OPERATIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR 1958 :-

Nature of Works Done	Public Health Acts	Housing Acts	Food & Drugs Act	Factories Acts
Drains repaired	21	-	-	-
Drains cleared	41	-	-	-
Smoke and Water Tests applied	2	-	-	-
Fresh-air inlets provided	1	-	-	-
New vent pipes provided	2	-	-	1
New inspection chambers built	4	-	-	1
New interceptors fixed	6	-	-	2
New gullies fixed	4	-	-	1
Rain-pipes repaired	3	-	-	1
Additional W.Cs. provided	-	-	-	2
New W.C. pans provided	9	-	1	1
W.Cs. repaired	7	-	-	-
New flushing cisterns provided	3	-	-	-
W.Cs. disconnected	-	-	-	1
Roofs repaired or renewed	11	-	-	-
Guttering repaired or renewed	6	-	-	-
Ceilings repaired	4	-	-	-
Walls repaired	2	1	-	-
Dampness remedied	2	-	-	-
Plaster repaired - external	5	-	-	-
" " - internal	3	-	-	-
Yards repaired	1	-	-	-
Floors repaired or renewed	4	-	-	-
Windows repaired	2	-	-	-
Lighting improved	-	-	-	1
Ventilation improved	-	-	-	1
Staircases repaired or renewed	1	-	-	-
New sinks provided	1	-	-	-
Sink waste pipes fixed	1	-	-	-
Washing facilities provided	1	-	19	-
Rooms cleansed	-	-	62	24
Food protected from contamination	-	-	32	-
Bins provided	-	-	2	-
Means of Escape in Case of Fire improved	-	-	-	7
Premises where nuisances abated	74	-	-	-
Vermin and other pests eradicated	46	-	-	-
Houses demolished	-	125	-	-
Houses closed	-	10	-	-

(13) SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS, ETC.

Total visits made	4,280
Houses inspected - Public Health Acts ..	292
" " " " (re-visits)	375
Houses inspected - Housing Acts	133
" " " " (re-visits)	120
Houses inspected - Rent Act	9
Visits to Slaughterhouse	1,750
Butchers' Shops	41
Food Preparing Premises	147
Other Food Shops	318
Bakehouses	12
Milk Vehicles (including sampling) ...	13
Dairies	82
Ice Cream Premises	21
Shops Act	3
Factories	246
Outworkers' Premises	11
Rodent Control	22
Refuse Tip	329
Petroleum Storage	22
Infectious Diseases Investigation ...	20
Miscellaneous Letters written	68
Statutory Notices - Public Health Act ..	1
Informal Notices - " " " ...	45
" " - " " (secondary)	19
Verbal Notices	101

I am grateful again to all members and officials of the Corporation for their courtesy and co-operation. I would express my special thanks to all members of the Department. The many duties of Public Health work often call for attendance beyond what is now regarded as a working week, and in this respect especially Mr. Pye and Miss Fennell have always shown themselves as uncommon workers.

Your obedient servant,

W. RODGERS,

Chief Public Health Inspector.